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SUBJ: USG-ROKG NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENTS

REF: STATE 121800

1. WE HAVE RAISED THE POINTS OUTLINED IN THE REFTTEL
CONCERNING THE USG-ROKG NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR ORDERLY
MARKETING AGREEMENT (OMA) WITH LEE, KI-CHOO, CHIEF,
COMMERCE DIVISION II, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(MOFA) WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

2. THE ROKG AGREES TO CONDUCTING THE EXCHANGE OF
NOTES IN WASHINGTON, WITH THE ROK AMBASSADOR SIGNING
FOR THE ROKG. HOWEVER, THE ROKG IS UNABLE TO AUTHORIZE ITS
AMBASSADOR TO PROCEED WITH THE EXCHANGE UNTIL IT COMPLETES ITS
INTERNAL PROCEDURES. THESE INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, TRANSLATING
THE AGREEMENT INTO KOREAN AND OBTAINING THE FORMAL APPROVAL OF
THE CABINET AND THE PRESIDENT. LEE ESTIMATED THESE PROCEDURES WILL
REQUIRE ANOTHER THREE WEEKS AT A MINIMUM. THERE MIGHT BE SOME
POSSIBILITY OF EXPEDITING THIS PROCESS SOMEWHAT IF THERE IS
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A VERY PRESSING JUSTIFICATION. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION
AS TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MAY 30 DATE SUGGESTED BY THE
DEPARTMENT, WE TOLD HIM OUR INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOT CLEAR ON
THAT POINT, BUT WE ASSUMED IT WAS RELATED TO THE FACT THAT THE
OMA SPECIFIES CIRCUMSTANCES WHEREBY FOOTWEAR THAT ENTERS THE
U.S. ON OR AFTER JUNE 1 CAN BE COUNTED AGAINST THE RESTRAINT
LEVEL EVEN THOUGH THE "EXPORT VISA" REQUIREMENT DOES NOT GO INTO

EFFECT UNTIL JUNE 28. LEE REPLIED THAT THE ROKG HAS EVERY INTENTION OF HONORING THAT CONDITION WHETHER OR NOT THE NOTES HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED AS OF JUNE 1 SO THAT SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM. THE ROKG, HOWEVER, DOES INTEND TOMAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE ITS PROCEDURES COMPLETED TO PERMIT EXCHANGING NOTES PRIOR TO JUNE 28.

3. CONCERNING FORWARDING THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURES AND SAMPLE VISAS, MOFA HOPES TO BE ABLE TO FORWARD THIS MATERIAL TO THE ROK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FORTRANSMISSION TO U.S. CUSTOMS IN THE ROKG DIPLOMATIC POUCH OF MAY 31.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE HANDLING OF "MIS-VISAED" FOOTWEAR, THE POLICY OUTLINED IN PARA 4 REFTEL, WHICH IS THE SAME POLICY USED IN ADMINISTERING THE USG-ROKG TEXTILE AGREEMENT, IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE ROKG.

5. THE ROKG ALSO CONCURS WITH THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS OUTLINED IN PRA 5 EFTEL, I.E., SUBSTITUTING THE WORD "EXPORTED" FOR "IMPORTED" IN LINE 3 OF PARA 2 (E) AND INSERTING THE WORDS "ON OR" BETWEEN "CONSUMPTION" AND "AFTER" IN LINE 4 OF PARA 2 (D) (II).

6. WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOME FURTHER BACKGROUND ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MAY 30 DEADLINE PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT. JUDGING FROM LEE'S COMMENTS, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE THAT THE ROKG WILL BE LIKELY TO COMPLETE ITS INTERNAL PROCEDURES MUCH AHEAD OF THE SCHEDULE HE DESCRIBED.

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